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### **Kaua'i man dies while snorkeling in waters off Wailua**

WAILUA – A 46-year-old Kaua'i man died while snorkeling in waters off Wailua on Thursday afternoon.

His identity is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Two bystanders golfing near the 18<sup>th</sup> hole of Wailua Golf Course called 911 shortly before 1:30 p.m., when they heard cries for help coming from the beach area nearby.

According to a preliminary investigation, one of the golfers, a 71-year-old Kaua'i man, saw a male snorkeler in distress about 50 yards from shore. The man quickly swam out in an attempt to help the snorkeler; however, he also became distressed and in need of assistance.

Meanwhile, prior to officials arriving on scene, the second male golfer saw another snorkeler in distress near the shoreline. The golfer, also 71 years old of Kaua'i, was able to help guide the male snorkeler safely to shore. The snorkeler left the scene in a private vehicle before officials arrived.

Shortly after being notified, lifeguards from the Lydgate Tower arrived first on scene and brought the 71-year-old distressed swimmer safely to shore. Awaiting medics transported him to Wilcox Hospital, where he has since been treated and released.

Rescue 3 aboard Air 1 soon arrived on scene to assist with locating the remaining distressed snorkeler, a 46-year-old Kaua'i man with no known address. Rescuers found the man unresponsive in the water and brought him to shore, where they began administering CPR.



He was transported to Wilcox Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

An autopsy is pending. However, foul play is not suspected in the cause of his death.

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